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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY RE WORLD FREEDOM DAY

REF: (A) 75 STATE 298178, (B) 74 STATE 268115

1. SHU LINKOU RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING INQUIRY FROM THE
JUDGE ADVOCATE, USAF HEADQUARTERS:

QUOTE: AN INQUIRY HAS RECENTLY BEEN MADE CONCERNING
PARAGRAPH 2 OF 6987 SCTY SQ/CC STAFF MEETING NOTES OF
14 JAN 1976. IT IS ALLEGED THAT PERSONNEL OF YOUR UNIT
WERE DISCOURAGED FROM ATTENDING A "WORLD FREEDOM DAY"
CEREMONY WHICH TOOK PLACE IN FEBRUARY 1976 AND IN WHICH A
MEMBER OF THE HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE WAS A PRINCIPAL
SPEAKER. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE EVENT TOOK
PLACE IN THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND MAY THUS HAVE BEEN SUB-
JECT TO LOCAL COMMAND OR EMBASSY POLICIES CONCERNING PAR-
TICIPATION BY OUR PERSONNEL IN EVENTS SPONSORED BY FOREIGN
COUNTRIES. REQUEST INFORMATION ON THE ABOVE ALLEGA-
TIONS, INCLUDING ANY COMMAND OR EMBASSY POLICIES
PERTINENT THERETO. PLEASE REPLY BY COB 8 MAR
1976. END QUOTE

2. TDC INFORMED US THAT THE FORMAT OF THE MESSAGE
INDICATES THAT IT IS A CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY.

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3. AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH THE EMBASSY, TDC PROVIDED

THE FOLLOWING REPLY TO SHLINKOU ON MARCH 9.

QUOTE: IN RESPONSE TO REFERENCE (A), USTDC PROVIDED
INFORMAL GUIDANNR EMANATING FROM THE U.S. EMBASSY TAIPEI
THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO OFFICIAL PARTICIPATION IN THE
CEREMONY, INCLUDING ALL MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL AMERICAN
CIVILIAN AND MILITARY COMMUNITY HERE. THE RATIONALE WAS
THAT LIKELY CONTENT OF SPEECHES BY CHINESE SPONSORS
WOULD BE OFFENSIVE OR EMBARRASSING TO U.S. OFFICIALS.
FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION,
USAF/JA SHOULD CONTACT MR. BURTON LEVIN, EA/ROC, DEPART-
MENT OF STATE. END QUOTE. UNGER

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